

MEMBER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor A Ogilvie in the Chair

Councillors A Blackburn, N Buckley,
C Campbell, A Gabriel, M Harland,
H Hayden, G Latty, T Leadley and D Ragan

Apologies Councillor N Dawson, C Dobson, S Field,
J Illingworth and J Lewis

9 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

10 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

11 Late Items

There were no late items submitted to the agenda for consideration.

12 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dawson, C Dobson, Field, Illingworth and J Lewis.

14 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2017 were approved as a correct record.

15 Matters Arising

In respect of Minute 7 (minute 16 – essential member safeguarding training)

Members received an update on the latest position in respect of safeguarding training and noted that an afternoon of training had been well attended by members and the Voice and Influence Team were currently in the process of attending Community Committees to provide some training in order that all members will benefit from this.

In respect of Minute 8 (Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies)

Members noted that Leeds City Council representation on the Leeds Grand Theatre Board was to reduce from 5 Members to 3 and that these places would be allocated by this Committee at the first meeting of the Municipal Year.

16 Referral from the Corporate Governance & Audit Committee

The Chair reported that he had received correspondence from the Chair of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on an issue which that committee resolved would benefit from consideration by the Member Management Committee - Member training arrangements for cyber resilience and for the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulations.

The Chair agreed to take the matter away and liaise with the Chair of the Member Development Working Group.

RESOLVED – That following consideration of the matter by the Chair a report to be brought back to this Committee for consideration and discussion as to the next steps to be taken with regard to this matter.

17 DBS Checks for Members

The City Solicitor submitted a report outlining the current procedure for requesting Disclosure & Barring (DBS) Checks for Members and highlighted:

- the key legislative changes that were made to vetting and barring checks and Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks carried out by employers (via the Protection of Freedom Act 2012)
- clarification provided by the Disclosure and Barring Service as to the defined reasons that Councils can undertake checks for Members

The report sought guidance from Member Management Committee in determining the most appropriate way forward with requesting DBS checks for Members.

RESOLVED –

- (a) To note the contents of the report.
- (b) That the proposal that DBS checks are carried out for all Members be agreed.
- (b) To agree that these checks continued to be carried out on first election, and then again at every subsequent election thereafter.
- (c) To agree that the level of check carried out for all Members continued to be an enhanced check (without the barred lists).

- (d) That officers notify Group Whips of any failure to complete DBS checks asking them to deal with this through their disciplinary arrangements with an ultimate sanction including removal of the group whip.